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Subject: FW: Calif. UIC inquiries
[Class II Wells Injecting into Non-Hydrocarbon Producing Formations.pdf](#)
[Work Plan EPA 8-18-2014 Draft.pdf](#)

David,

Are these the documents you were reviewing for public release? Or was there something else?

I think you mentioned a letter and an email/letter from the state.

Let me know what and when I can send docs to the KQED reporter (last week sent him just the EPA letter with enclosures – Action Plan and Review of Aquifer Exemptions).

Thanks.

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Subject: RE: Calif. UIC inquiries

Here are all the documents that I have that we have either released to media or congressional offices.

These are official, public documents, so I'm not sure why we wouldn't be able to send them out.

I also understand that DOGGR has released their letters to EPA publicly as well. But, maybe I'm missing something?....

If the documents are all he's requesting for the time, hopefully we can get those to him fairly easily.

Thanks for your help!

Nahal

From: Skadowski, Suzanne
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2014 3:13 PM
To: Mogharabi, Nahal
Cc: Johnson, AudreyL
Subject: RE: Calif. UIC inquiries

Hi Nahal,

David Albright said the DOGGR response letter (letters?) included attachments that he did not think were releasable, so he is waiting to hear back from ORC. But if we've already released those....?

The reporter (Scott Detrow, KQED) has so far only requested EPA's correspondence with the state on UICs. He asked for EPA's July letter to DOGGR and asked for any responses we have received from the state. He did not ask specific questions. He said he would send/call questions after reviewing the correspondence.

The inquiry came in to me on your CDO, so I had to deal with it. I called Mike and David in

Water Div. because Brent pulled me into an update call with them and Boxer's office on this issue recently.

For future inquiries I can refer them to you if that's what you (or you, Bill, and Kelly) prefer.

Thank you for the info – very helpful, as always!

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From: Mogharabi, Nahal
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To: Skadowski, Suzanne
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Hi Suzanne,

Thanks for checking in. We have publicly sent out our July letter and attachments as well as DOGGR's August initial responses, so I'm not sure what you are waiting on approval from with ORC.

The latest thing we received that I know of, was a letter from SWRCB, but I haven't seen a copy of that so I'm not sure what it says. Audrey—Can you send me a copy of that.

We have typically been using the letters as a response to reporters, and saying something like:

“EPA is overseeing a review of DOGGR's UIC program to ensure wells have been appropriately

authorized to inject within the boundaries approved by EPA for injection. EPA received initial information we had requested from DOGGR and the State Water Board and are currently reviewing those materials. EPA is awaiting additional information and documents as outlined in our July 17th letter and we will continue to review materials as they come in. The EPA will determine next steps once all requested information has been received.”

I’ve been typically handling all the media inquiries that have come in on this issue. It might be easier if I handle this one as well, but I’ll leave it up to Bill/Kelly as to how they want to handle.

All the many reporters I’ve been dealing with on this issue having been pushing for an interview, but we are just not granting them at the time. Once we get all the documents from the state and have something more substantive to say, then maybe we will be able conduct an interview.

Can you send me the specific questions from the reporter?

Please make sure to keep me in the loop on this and any additional inquiries on this issue that you get.

Thanks,

Nahal

From: Skadowski, Suzanne
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2014 12:38 PM
To: Mogharabi, Nahal
Cc: Johnson, AudreyL
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Hi Nahal,

I hope you had a great weekend – and staying cool down in LA.

Could you please send me any recent background info or responses you've sent to media in reply to Calif. UIC inquiries?

I'm working on a response to KQED now. So far we've just sent the July EPA letter to DOGGR. If ORC clears it, we'll send DOGGR's response letter.

KQED's going to want someone on the phone soon – have we done that yet?

Thanks!

Suzanne